CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Still~~ A still for distilling a potable alcoholic liquid,~~said~~ the still comprising:

a chamber~~(1)~~ with a copper wall~~(10) designed to hold an alcoholic~~ for holding a liquid~~(L)~~, the~~filling capacity of said~~ chamber~~(1) representing a certain~~ having a volume ~~(V) and the liquid (L) occupying said volume (V) at the start of distillation~~ and the copper wall~~(10)~~ defining, by mutual contact with the liquid filling the volume V, a first interface ~~presenting~~ of the wall and the liquid, having an area ~~(~~S1~~)~~ wherein, ~~of which the ratio (~~S1/V~~) to the volume (V)~~ is a maximum of 27 square centimeters per liter~~, characterized in that it additionally comprises~~; and

at least one additional copper surface contact element~~(2) arranged~~ positioned in the chamber~~(1),~~ for at least partially~~immersed~~ immersion in the~~alcoholic~~ liquid~~(L)~~ in the chamber, and defining~~with it when it occupies the volume (V),~~ a second interface ~~with non-zero~~ with the liquid filling the volume V and having an area~~(~~S2~~),~~ ~~and in that the ratio~~ wherein ((S1+S2)/V)~~ of the total area (S1+S2) of the first and second interfaces to the volume (V)~~ is at least 30 square centimeters per liter.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Still~~ The still according to Claim 1~~, characterized in that the ratio~~ wherein ((S1+S2)/V)~~ of the total area (S1+S2) of the first and second interfaces to the volume (V) is a maximum of~~ does not exceed 45 square centimeters per liter~~, or preferably a maximum of 40 square centimeters per liter~~.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Still~~ The still according to Claim 1~~ or 2, characterized in that it comprises multiple~~ comprising a plurality of the additional copper surface contact elements~~(2) formed by~~ including respective copper plates~~(2)~~ arranged vertically in the chamber~~(1)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Still~~ The still according to Claim 3,~~characterized in that~~ wherein the copper plates~~(2)~~ are arranged radially~~around a vertical symmetry~~ with respect to an axis~~(Z)~~ of symmetry of the chamber~~(1)~~, and~~are attached to each other by~~ including supporting components~~(3) which form~~ to which the copper plates are attached in a rigid structure~~(4) with the plates (2)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Still~~ The still according to Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the supporting components ~~(3)~~ include a copper mounting ~~(31) by means of which the rigid structure (4) rests on the~~ supported by a bottom ~~(100)~~ of the chamber ~~(1)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Still~~ The still according to Claim 4 ~~or 5~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the supporting components ~~(3)~~ include two copper rings ~~(32,33)~~ separated from each other, parallel to one another, centered on the axis of symmetry ~~(Z)~~ of the chamber ~~(1)~~ and attached to each of the copper plates ~~(2)~~.

Claims 7-9 (Cancelled).

10. (New) The still according to Claim 2, comprising a plurality of the additional copper surface contact elements including respective copper plates in the chamber.

11. (New) The still according to Claim 10, wherein the copper plates are arranged radially with respect to an axis of symmetry of the chamber, and including supporting components to which the copper plates are attached in a rigid structure.

12. (New) The still according to Claim 11, wherein the supporting components include a copper mounting supported by a bottom of the chamber.

13. (New) The still according to Claim 5, wherein the supporting components include two copper rings separated from each other, parallel to one another, centered on the axis of symmetry of the chamber and attached to each of the copper plates.

14. (New) The still according to Claim 11, wherein the supporting components include two copper rings separated from each other, parallel to one another, centered on the axis of symmetry of the chamber and attached to each of the copper plates.